Ongoing Lottery Scam

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has received complaints of people getting phone calls or letters claiming they have won a large amount of money in a lottery. The "winner" is told they have to supply personal and banking information to the lottery before the money can be sent. Some "winners" are asked to send a large amount of money to claim the prize.

Another common scam is where someone claiming to be a lottery sends a letter saying the person has won a very large amount of money. Included with this letter is often a cashier's check for several thousand dollars. The person is directed to deposit the cashier's check and in return send money back to the lottery to pay for processing fees or taxes. It often takes several days or even weeks to determine that the cashier's check was bad. This usually occurs after the person has sent the money back to the lottery. That is their plan—they send you a bogus check and you send them good money back.

Most of these scams appear to be from Canada and look very professional. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office urges people to be VERY cautious and alert when dealing with the types of letters or calls mentioned above.